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Subject:
Qualified Pregnant Woman (MA-QP)

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GENERAL RULE--Medicaid eligibility may be established for pregnant women who meet certain financial and nonfinancial criteria. The pregnant woman may be eligible as medically needy.

If income decreases, the incurment amount will decrease. Any future months will have an incurment no greater than the new amount, as long as there is no break in Medicaid eligibility.

NOTE: Medically needy MA-QP cases receive different disregards than non-medically needy MA-QP cases. See FMA 602-1.



NOTE: If the mother was receiving medically needy coverage, the baby is not eligible for MA-AN; check eligibility for MA-EP or PC. See FMA 201-6 or 201-7.

EMANCIPATION

A minor child is no longer a dependent of his or her parent(s) if emancipated due to court action or marriage. Do not include the pregnant woman's parents in the filing unit in these cases.

NONFINANCIAL CRITERIA

Applicants for Qualified Pregnant Woman Medicaid must meet the following nonfinancial criteria:

1. Social Security Number (a Social Security Card is NOT required);
2. Residence;
3. Citizenship and Alienage;
4. Pregnancy and due date are medically verified;

NOTE: A home pregnancy test is considered to be 'medical verification' of pregnancy. When home pregnancy tests are used to verify pregnancy, written verification from a medical provider, licensed physician or designee must be provided within 30 days. If written verification is not received within 30 days, close the MA-QP case with closure 'FTC' and document system case notes. Document system case notes stating what verification was used. Send a system notice informing the applicant that written verification will be required for Medicaid to continue.

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5. Program Compliance (Medicaid reviews only);
 6. TPL:
 - a. Health insurance information;
 - b. Trauma questionnaires;
 - c. HIPPS; and
 - d. Insurance questionnaires
 7. Child support referral; a referral must be completed if the father of the unborn is NOT in the home.

The child support referral (HCS/CS-332) must be completed at application, however, information is not entered on the ABP screens and the HCS/CS-332 is not sent to Child Support Enforcement for the unborn until **after** the child is born. Do not send to SEARCHS. Set a system alert for the expected due date.

After the child is born, and verification (birth certificate) is received, the HCS/CS-332's must be updated with correct information (child's name, date of birth, etc.). The information is then entered on the ABP screens and hard copy HCS/CS-332's and a copy of the birth certificate are sent to Child Support Enforcement.

NOTE: If the pregnant woman has other children who are included in the filing unit (must be included if non-medically needy), HCS/CS-332's and ABP screens **must** be completed for each included child's absent parent prior to benefits being authorized. The child cannot receive Medicaid under the MA-QP program, but can be opened under another coverage group.

NOTE: If the pregnant woman opts to not include a child in the filing unit (only allowed if medically needy), an HCS/CS-332 is not completed/sent for that child.

**FILING UNIT:
REQUIRED and
EXCLUDED
MEMBERS**

NON-MEDICALLY NEEDY MA-QP: All household members related by marriage and/or parentage are required filing unit members. All countable income and resources of required filing unit members is counted in full. Not all filing unit members will actually receive Medicaid coverage.

NOTE: When registering the unborn on TEAMS, attach the mother's first name to make identification easier (i.e., Smith, Unborntammy).

The non-medically needy MA-QP Filing Unit must include:

1. The Pregnant Woman;
2. Unborn Child;

3. Father of the unborn child/spouse (if living in the same home); and
4. Minor siblings of the unborn child (natural, adoptive, half or step)

If the pregnant woman is less than 19 years of age, living with her natural/adoptive parents, and is **not married (or otherwise emancipated)**, the following are **additional** required filing unit members, if living in the home:

1. Pregnant woman's natural/adoptive/step-parent(s);
2. Minor siblings of either the pregnant woman or unborn child (natural, adoptive, half or stepbrothers/sisters).

The following individuals **must be excluded** from the **MA-QP filing unit (regardless of whether the case is medically needy or not)**:

1. Siblings age 19 or older;
2. SSI cash recipients; and
3. Individuals who are not specified relatives.

MEDICALLY NEEDY MA-QP:

The standard ***medically needy*** filing unit **must include** the:

1. Pregnant Woman;
2. Unborn Child;
3. Father of the unborn/Spouse (if living in the same home).

The following individuals are **not required**, but may be included in the **medically needy MA-QP filing unit**:

1. Minor siblings (whole, half or step) of either the pregnant woman or unborn child; and
2. Minor stepchildren.

If the medically needy pregnant woman is less than 19 years old, living with her natural/adoptive parents, and is **not married (or otherwise emancipated)**, the **following are additional** required filing unit **members**, if living in the home:

1. Pregnant woman's natural/adoptive parent(s); and
2. Step-parents (step-parent's income is deemed - see FMA 603-1).

After delivery, determine eligibility for 'extended postpartum coverage' for the mother and newborn. See FMA 201-5. The newborn is NOT eligible for MA-AN. See FMA 201-6.

Unless verification is provided by a medical professional that the woman is pregnant with more than one fetus, treat the unborn as one child only.

If a required filing unit member does not meet citizenship or qualified alien status, include in the filing unit but code 'DQ'. Do not code 'OU'. The individual's income and resources must be considered.

SAMPLE FILING UNIT

1. A non-medically needy household consists of 17-year-old pregnant woman, her husband and the pregnant woman's parents.

Required filing unit members include:

- a. Pregnant woman (TEAMS Part. Code 'IN');
- b. Unborn child (Part. Code 'UB');
- c. Pregnant woman's spouse (Part. Code 'IP')

The pregnant woman's parents are not required filing unit members because she is emancipated by marriage.

2. A non-medically needy household consists of 18-year-old pregnant woman, father of the unborn and the pregnant woman's father.

Required filing unit members would include:

- a. Pregnant woman (Part. Code 'IN');
- b. Unborn (Part. Code 'UB');
- c. Father of unborn (Part Code 'IP');
- d. Pregnant woman's father (Part Code 'IP')

3. A medically needy household includes a 16-year-old pregnant woman, her boyfriend (father of the unborn), her mother, her stepfather and her 9-year-old stepsister.

Required filing unit members would include:

- a. Pregnant Woman (code 'IN');
- b. Unborn (code 'UB');
- c. Father of the unborn (code 'IP')
- d. Pregnant woman's mother (code 'IP')
- e. Pregnant woman's stepfather (code 'DP')

The stepfather's income must be deemed - see FMA 603-1 for more information on deeming.

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The 9-year-old stepsister is not a required filing unit member. The family may choose to either include or exclude her from the filing unit.

NOTE: If the stepsister is included in the filing unit, she cannot be included in the 'Deemed NMI' size.

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